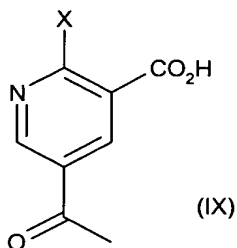
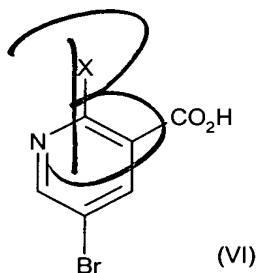


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wherein X is O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, said process comprising reacting a compound of formula (VI)



wherein X is as defined above with an acylating agent in the presence of a base and a catalyst.

5. A process according to claim 4 wherein the acylating agent is butyl vinyl ether.
6. A process according to either claim 4 or claim 5 wherein the catalyst is palladium acetate.
7. A process according to either claim 4 or claim 5 wherein the catalyst comprises palladium acetate and a ligand.
8. A process according to claim 7 wherein the ligand is tri-O-tolyl phosphine.

REMARKS

The above amendment has been made to claim additional subject matter to which Applicants are entitled. Specifically, new claim 3 through 8 have been added, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these additional claims pursuant to Examining the application.